

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/447,319

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to June 16, 2006.
2. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19,22,25,28 and 31-35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on June 16, 2006. Claims 1-19, 22, 25, 28 and 31-35 are pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

3. The prior art of record (Popolo US Pat. No. 5,715,402) teaches a method and corresponding system for permitting sellers to post detailed specification of an item for sale and permits buyers to bid on part or all of an item posted and the seller may accept or reject any bid. The buyer and seller engage in an auction. A menu structure permits ease of use in selecting available options during posting or bidding an item. Even though, the prior art of record teaches a system and method for performing the above mentioned steps, the prior art of record fails to teach a method and corresponding system for trading an instrument comprising the steps of, providing a first indication to the user who provided the best price response, the first indication indicating that the response is the best price response, and providing a second indication to the users who did not provide the best price response, the second indication indicating that the response is not the best price response, the first and second indications being different from one another, wherein the users taking into account whether the first indication or

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the second indication is provided, adjust or cancel a corresponding response at any time before the customer accepts the best price response, wherein the request is for one of a bid to buy the instrument and an offer to sell the instrument, wherein the first indication is not an acceptance, and the second indication is not a rejection, and the second indication does not indicate what the best bid is so that users receiving the second indication do not know the best bid. For these reasons claims 1, 16, 17 and 18 are deemed to be allowable over the prior art of record, and claims 2-15, 19, 22, 25, 28 and 31-35 are allowable by dependency.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee, and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled Comments on Statement of Reasons for allowance.

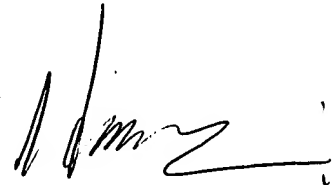
Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hani Kazimi whose telephone number is (571) 272-6745. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (571) 272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. M. Kazimi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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